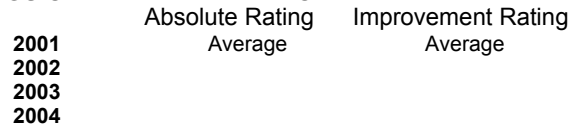


**ABSOLUTE RATING:** Average  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Average

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 78.

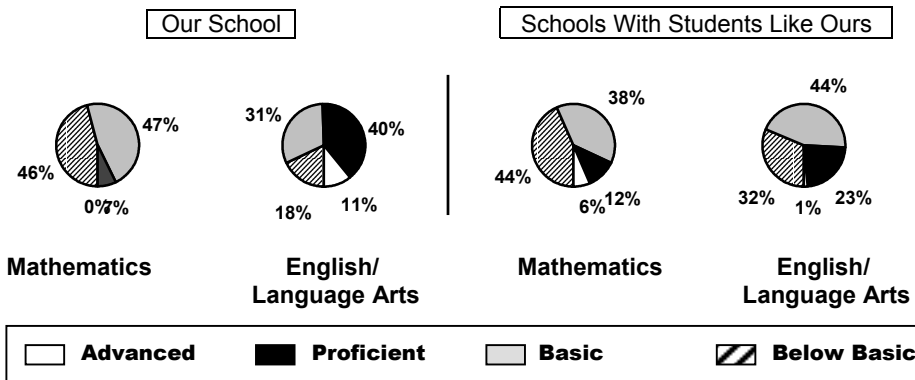
The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to good. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

## RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

## PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



## DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
<b>All students (n=83)</b>	81.9	54.2	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=4)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=79)	84.8	57		
<b>Gender</b>				
Male (n=40)	70	48.7		
Female (n=43)	93	60.5		
<b>Ethnic Group</b>				
African American (n=44)	75	36.4		
Hispanic (n=2)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=37)	89.2	80.6		
Other (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
<b>Lunch Status Group</b>				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=63)	81	48.4		
Pay for lunch (n=20)	N/A	N/A		

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dollars spent per student	\$6,427	N/A	\$5,469	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	87%	Down from 91.9%	89.3%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.7 to 1	N/A	18 to 1	18.7 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=157)</b>				
• Attendance Rate	95.7%	Down from 95.9%	95.9%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	0%	N/A	5.7%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	0%	N/A	4.9%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	90%	Down from 93.5%	96.6%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	1.2%	Up from 0.7%	4.7%	3.6%
<b>TEACHERS (n=9)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	7 Days	Up from 5	8 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	94.8%	Down from 95.9%	94.7%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	44.4%	Down from 50%	42.4%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	66.7%	Down from 80%	80.6%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	No change	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	88.4%	Down from 91.7%	86.7%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$36,570	Down 0.7%	\$36,323	\$37,520

## SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	56.2%	N/A	65%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	1	N/A	3	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	99%	N/A	94.7%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• On academic plans	46.7%	Up from 40.3%	52.1%	43.1%
• On academic probation	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	0.6%	Up from 0%	1.7%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	6	N/A	2	1
• Gifted and talented	7.1%	Down from 10.1%	7.8%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	4.8%	Down from 5.8%	8.6%	8.4%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

This past year at Bethune Elementary has been characterized by hard work and continuing growth among students and staff. Academic progress has taken place and character building was in evidence as student service learning activities were implemented.

Through combined efforts, our school and community renewed our 5-year accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and also completed our five-year school renewal plan.

Teachers were involved in many professional development activities including workshops, conferences and university courses. Four teachers have advanced degrees (Masters or Masters +30), and three teachers are awaiting final results for National Board Certification. Melissa Hicks was selected Teacher of the Year and Distinguished Reading Teacher and represented our school proudly.

We appreciate the efforts of our PTO and SIC. Monies from the various fundraisers were used to improve our school.

Bethune Elementary strived to implement all areas of its School Improvement Plan with its Rock and Read program, parent workshops, a new Computer Curriculum Corporation lab, after-school programs, Rich Readers Bargain Bookstore and Discovery Lab, as well as 4-H projects, nursing home visits and a memorial garden.

We planted seeds of knowledge. We nurtured young minds. We will continue to make Bethune Elementary "a perfect place to grow".

Theodore Jackson, Principal

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	60.0	84.0	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	70.0	83.3	
Satisfied with home-school relations	40.0	92.0	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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**Grades** K-6 Elementary School

**Enrollment:** 157 Students

#### Principal

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#### Superintendent

Dr. Ralph A. Cain 803-432-8416

#### Board Chair

Charles B. Baxley 803-438-4200

## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

2001

School Grade:  
Average

#### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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